

# PATENT SPECIFICATION

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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

### Truck Cover

I, BASIL LEONARD CATES, of 42, Collingwood Avenue, Tolworth, Surrey, British, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

The truck cover as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, consists of a sheet of waterproof material A attached, at one end, to a spring-loaded roller B the sheet then passing under a jockey roller D. The rollers B and D are mounted and operate in a housing C which may be constructed of sheet metal, and the ends of the housing may be of a gauge sufficiently stout to render them suitable as mounting brackets fitted to the forward end of the body of an open goods vehicle. The rear end of the sheet is stiffened by being seamed round a wooden slat E which may project from each side of the sheet sufficiently to prevent it from entering the box when the sheet is released. A rope line F is attached to the rear end to provide a means of drawing the sheet over the body of the vehicle. Cleats G are fitted to the rear of the vehicle body to hold the rope line when the sheet is in the drawn position. Spring loaded hooks H are fitted to the sides of the

vehicle body and engage in eyelets J in the sheet in order to hold the same down when drawn over the body. The spring clips, when not in use, will be prevented from swinging by being clipped to studs mounted to the side of the vehicle body below each spring clip.

Upon the hooks and the rope line being released, the spring loaded roller will turn and roll the sheet forward and into the housing.

What I claim is:—

1. On a goods carrying vehicle, a cover or sheet attached to a spring loaded roller mounted on the body of the vehicle characterised in that the cover or sheet is passed under a jockey roller and is stiffened at its free end for securing to the vehicle body.

2. On a goods carrying vehicle, according to Claim 1, spring loaded hooks fitted to the sides of the vehicle body and engaging in eyelets in the sheet or cover.

3. On a goods carrying vehicle, according to Claim 2, the spring loaded hooks, when not in use, clipped to studs fitted below each hook.

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## PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

### Truck Cover

I, BASIL LEONARD CATES, 42, Collingwood Avenue, Tolworth, Surrey, British, do hereby declare this invention to be described in the following statement:—

A sheet of durable material mounted on a roller provided with an internal spring. The roller being mounted in a box which may be constructed of sheet metal. The sheet to be hemmed along each side and fitted with metal eyelets. The sheet also

to be fitted with a batten seamed into the opposite end to that which is attached to the roller. The batten to project from each side of the sheet sufficiently to prevent it from entering the box when the sheet is released. The end of the sheet, to which the batten is fitted, to have a draw-line attached. The ends of the metal box to consist of sheet steel of a gauge sufficiently stout to render them suitable as mounting

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brackets. The box to be mounted to the forward end of an open vehicle body. The sheet to be held down by spring clips mounted on the sides of the vehicle body 5 and the draw-line to be rove on cleats mounted to the under-side of the rear bearer of the vehicle body. A jockey roller to be mounted below the box to maintain

the level of the sheet at the forward end. The spring clips when not in use will be 10 prevented from swinging by being clipped to studs mounted to the sides of the vehicle body below each spring clip.

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1 SHEET

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